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Assessment Team Office Hours

Next Session: December 14, 12:00 p.m.

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ASSESSMENT MONTHLY UPDATE

**From Our Families to Yours, Have a
Relaxing & Peaceful Holiday Season!**



We hope that the November holiday provided you with the opportunity to rest and recharge! December always flies by, so please read on for important updates, reminders, and ‘save the dates’ from the Assessment Team.



ACCESS for ELLs and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs Upcoming Pre-Administration Tasks and Dates:

11/29/22 – Student rosters populated in WIDA AMS.
SAUs can:

1. Review rosters to ensure all multilingual learners have been included
2. Confirm student demographic information
3. Assign accommodations to students as outlined in the IEP, if applicable
4. Create and manage test sessions
5. Instructions for navigating WIDA AMS can be found in the [AMS User Guide](#).

12/14/22 - Initial materials orders have been submitted for all Maine SAUs with enrolled multilingual learners, utilizing October enrollment data, and will be received by district central offices.

12/15/22 - Additional materials ordering window opens, which is facilitated by SAUs. [Tips for ordering Additional Materials](#).



Upcoming Trainings and Opportunities to Connect

Webinars	Date	Time	Connect
Alternate ACCESS for ELLs Field Test (WIDA)	12/1/22	2-3:30	Webinars page in WIDA Secure Portal
Navigating WIDA AMS for New Test Coordinators/Administrators (Maine DOE)	12/13/22	8-9	Register Here
Organizing for ACCESS: Scheduling, Materials, Accessibility	12/15/22	8-9	Register Here
Open Office Hours during ACCESS Admin. Window	Weekly Mondays 1/9/23 - 2/14/23	3-4	Register Here

Alternate ACCESS for ELLs Field Test 2023

Stay informed and plan ahead for the Alternate ACCESS Field Test, which will be in addition to the regular annual Alternate ACCESS for ELLs. Review this news article and Q & A to learn more: [Alternate ACCESS for ELLs Field Test](#): Coming to schools in early 2023. Sign up for news updates at [News Signup at WIDA](#) and be sure to check for updates posted in the DAC digest.

How do I get my questions about the field test answered? Attend the Alternate ACCESS for ELLs Field Test Q&A Webinar on Thursday, Dec. 1 from 2-3:30pm ET. Go to the [Webinars](#) page in the WIDA Secure Portal for more information.

NWEA

Starting in January 2023, the Department of Education and NWEA are collaborating to offer the following professional learning opportunities:

- Using Multiple Data Sources to Support Student Growth
- Using Achievement Level Descriptors to Ensure Rigor
- The Benefits of the Through Year Assessment Model
- Through Year Assessment: Get Your Teachers Ready
- Through Year Assessment: Get Your Students Ready

More information will be sent to DACs and MEA listserv recipients soon! [\(Click here to subscribe the MEA listserv.\)](#)



*Assessment seat times represent the average seat time. Individual students will take varying amounts of time to complete the assessments.

More Questions & Answers about the Maine Through Year Assessment can be found on our [Maine Reading and Math Assessments webpage](#).

MAP Growth

No assessment window limitations

RIT score data within 24 hours

RIT Instructional Areas based on the Maine Learning Results (2022-23 academic year)

Extended assessment seat time
Extended assessment seat time
45 – 55 minutes per MAP Growth assessment and
55 – 60 minutes per Through Year Assessment*

Option to administer the Language Usage assessment

Continued compatibility with MAP Accelerator and Instructional Connections

No additional cost to SAUs/schools in Spring 2023

Maine Through Year Assessment

Assessment window: May 1st – 26th

In spring 2023 only, delayed RIT score data with an anticipated delivery date of late summer or early fall due to standard setting

RIT Instructional Areas based on the CCSS and consistent with the national MAP Growth assessment

55 – 60 minutes per Through Year Assessment*

No Language Usage assessment option

Not yet compatible with MAP Accelerator or Instructional Connections

No cost to SAUs/schools

Summative Assessment Blueprints Now Available!

Assessment blueprints are now available for the summative portion of the spring Maine Through Year Assessment for grades 3-8 and HS under Resources for the Maine Through Year Assessment on the [Reading & Math Assessments webpage](#). Assessment blueprints specify targets for the minimum and maximum number of score points aligned to each topic. The summative assessment content categories reflect the prioritization recommended for the Common Core State Standards.

FAQ: Under what circumstances may a school choose to administer both the MAP Growth assessment and the Through Year Assessment to its students in Spring 2023?

Please note that all students are required to take the Maine Through Year Assessment in spring 2023. The chart below is meant to provide guidance to SAUs and schools when deciding whether or not to administer the MAP Growth assessment in addition to the Maine Through Year Assessment.

Maine Science

Question: When can I access the handbooks and manuals for the spring 2023 assessment?

We are working on updating handbooks and manuals in preparation for the Spring 2023 administration. The support site, [ME Science Zendesk](#), is to be restored to full functionality by March 2023.

Practice Assessments

Maine Science practice assessments and tutorials are available on the [Maine Science website](#) under the Resources menu and will be open throughout the school year.

NEO & SYNERGY Reminders

A general reminder to ensure that contact information for teaching and non-teaching roles is updated within NEO. Instructions to update SAU roles (including DACs) are located within the following document: [Updating Staff Contact Information](#). Please reach out to the MEDMS helpdesk with any questions or concerns.

NAEP

The National Assessment Governing Board hosted the [release of the 2022 National Assessment of Educational Progress \(NAEP\) Mathematics and Reading results](#) on Monday, October 24, 2022. In addition to the student performance and survey data, a number of the NAEP 2022 mathematics and reading items were released. This items, in conjunction with the NAEP Item Maps, are available for classroom use. Please visit the [NAEP Questions Tool](#) and the [NAEP Item Maps](#) webpages for greater detail. Try the NAEP assessment at [Take NAEP Now](#). Or explore the [NAEP Survey Questionnaires](#) and use the [NAEP Data Explorer](#) to see how Maine students responded to the survey questions.



International Assessments

PISA

The Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) 2022 administration closed on November 30, 2022. Selected 15-year-old students participated in mathematics, reading, science, and financial literacy assessments. Thank you to those schools and students that made this data collection successful.

TIMSS

The Trends in Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) 2023 administration window will now take place between March 20 and May 31, 2023. TIMSS is administered to grade 4 and grade 8 students at sampled schools. Three Maine schools have been selected for participation in the TIMSS